

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to clarify the manner in which the recited invention distinguishes patentably from Leon (5,775,861) relied upon in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 1 now recites a pair of arms extending from an opposite end of the shank and having base portions connected thereto by hinges for rotation of the arms relative to the shank, and levers extending from respective arms and having base portions connected to base portions of the respective arms adjacent to the hinges for rotation of the levers with the arms.

Claim 11 now recites a pair of arms having base portions connected by hinges to an end of the shank opposite to the flange, and a pair of levers having base portions attached to the base portions of respective arms adjacent to the hinges. See, without limitation, Fig. 2 of Applicant's drawings, wherein base portions of the arms 13 are connected by hinges 11 to the shank 10, and base portions of the levers 14 are connected to base portions of the arms 13 adjacent to the hinges.

In Leon, levers 50 do not have base portions connected to base portions of arms 3 adjacent to hinges 8. The connection of levers 50 to arms 3 is far from the hinges 8.

Accordingly, Claims 1 and 11 and all of the claims dependent thereon should be allowed.

Claims 3, 4, 9 and 10, which were merely objected to, have been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of their base claims. The dependency of Claim 18 has been corrected.

A check for \$300.00 is also attached in payment of the required additional claims fee.

This application is now believed to be clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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